

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF VIRGINIA
RICHMOND DIVISION**

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,)	
)	
V.)	CRIMINAL NO. 3:14-CR-00012
)	
ROBERT F. MCDONNELL)	JUDGE JAMES R. SPENCER
MAUREEN G. MCDONNELL)	

**DEFENDANT ROBERT F. MCDONNELL’S MOTION # 4 – MOTION FOR
CLARIFICATION
MEMORANDUM IN SUPPORT**

Defendant Robert F. McDonnell, by and through undersigned counsel, respectfully requests clarification of the conditions on Mr. McDonnell’s bail. At Mr. McDonnell’s initial appearance before United States Magistrate Judge Novak on January 24, 2014, Judge Novak ordered the release of both defendants on their own recognizance awaiting trial. In ordering that release, Judge Novak imposed the following additional condition: “The only additional condition I’m going to place on the defendants is this: You are to have no contact with any witnesses or representatives of the government.” (Jan. 24, 2014 Initial App. Tran. at 6.)

As the Government’s indictment makes clear, this case involves the alleged conduct of the defendants, their immediate families, and many of their close personal friends. Because many of Mr. McDonnell’s family members and close friends are potentially involved in this case, they are all potential witnesses. And read literally, the Magistrate’s Order could be interpreted as prohibiting Mr. McDonnell from having any contact with his children, his sisters, his oldest friends, and people who have worked for and with him for years. Because Judge Novak explained that the Court was “doing this for [the defendants’] own good so that nobody argues there is any type of obstruction of justice going on,” *id.*, the defense does not believe that

the Court intended to impose such a broad prohibition.

The defense therefore requests clarification. Specifically, the defense requests that the Court clarify that this condition does not apply to family, close friends, and longstanding business associates who might be defense witnesses in the case, but rather applies only to people who are exclusively “witnesses . . . of the government,” *id.*, whom the Government specifically identifies to defense counsel, as well as to “representatives of the government,” *id.*

The defense conferred with counsel to the Government about this issue following Friday’s hearing. Based on that discussion, the defense’s understanding is that the Government does not oppose a condition that permits Mr. McDonnell to have contact with family and close friends, so long as he does not obstruct justice.

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Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

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